

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application of: |) | Method of Recycling an Optical Disk |
| |) | and Recycling System Therefor |
| Tomoaki Ito |) | |
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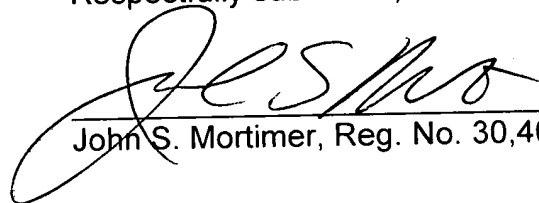
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Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is attached.

It is believed that the claims pending in the above application are allowable over the cited references. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

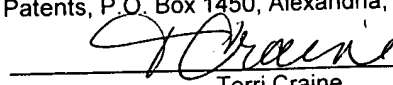

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